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SUBJECT: U.S. NAVAL USE OF SINGAPORE FACILITIES

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B. STATE 200775 DTG 222312 AUG 75

1. ON SEPT. 18 THOMSON (FCO ACTION OFFICER ON SINGAPORE FACILITIES) INFORMED US THAT UK MINISTERIAL APPROVAL HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR INFORMAL UK APPROACH AT TECHNICAL LEVEL TO DISCUSS FEASIBILITY OF UK RETENTION OF FUEL FACILITIES AND ACCESS TO SINGAPORE BERTHS. WHILE THOMSON WAS NOT ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT UK ACCEPTS EVERY DETAIL OF U.S. PROPOSAL (REF B), HE COULD SAY THAT U.S. PROPOSAL IS BEING USED AS "STARTING POINT". FOR FEASIBILITY INVESTIGATION".

2. FCO HAS SENT MESSAGE TO UK HIGH COMMISSION SINGAPORE ASKING PERMISSION FOR TWO ROYAL NAVY OFFICERS AND ONE MOD CIVILIAN LOGISTICS EXPERT TO VISIT SINGAPORE DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29. IN ADDITION TO TALKS WITH GOS

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OFFICIALS, TEAM PROBABLY WILL REQUEST MEETING WITH U.S.

EMBASSY SINGAPORE. WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE MORE DETAILS ON TEAM SOON AND WILL FORWARD ASAP.

3. COMMENT. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT UK IS ACCEPTING PRINCIPLE OF RETENTION (VICE LEASE-BACK) OF FUEL FACILITIES. UK POSITION ON CONTINUING MOD CIVILIAN MANAGEMENT OF BERTHS AND FUEL FACILITIES IS NOT SO APPARENT FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS. WE WILL PROBE FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON THIS POINT IN CONTACTS WITH OTHER SOURCES HERE. END COMMT.

4. THOMSON ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON ONE POINT IN U.S. PROPOSAL. DOES "MAN OF WAR ANCHORABLE" REFERRED TO IN PARA 2B (REF B)MEAN:

A. MOORING AREA IMMEDIATELY OFF OLD NAVAL BASE AND WELL UP STRAITS;

B. ANCHORAGE AT END OF STRAITS; OR

C. ANCHORAGE ON SOUTH SIDE OF ISLAND.

IN ANY CASE, UK WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER U.S. ENVISAGES USE OF BUOYS OR WHETHER USN PLANS TO ANCHOR SHIPS. WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE TO THESE QUESTIONS SOONEST.

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